

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING TAIWAN ON ITS 102ND NATIONAL DAY

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 9, 2013

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Taiwan on its 102nd National Day on October 10, 2013.

Taiwan is a model of success in Asia. Through hard work and ingenuity, Taiwan has become one of the strongest economies in the Pacific Rim. Taiwan also has strong democratic institutions that foster the values of freedom, diligence, and transparency. The accomplishments of Taiwan, whether economic or political, are impressive.

On the occasion of Republic of China's Centennial National Day, I wish for continued trade cooperation between the United States and Taiwan. I also look forward to furthering the common economic interests of the United States and Taiwan, and I would like to encourage my colleagues in our efforts to preserve and strengthen the friendship between our two countries. Taiwan has much to offer the rest of the world, and its innovation and expertise will continue to create new, mutually-beneficial trade avenues.

Congratulations to the Republic of China and I look forward to continuing our partnership with Taiwan.

HONORING KIMBERLY ROADS SCHLAPMAN

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 9, 2013

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to take this opportunity to recognize the talent, hard work, and determination of Kimberly Roads Schlapman, a lifelong resident of Habersham County, Georgia. Millions of fans know Kimberly as one of the beautiful, strong voices behind the country group Little Big Town. But many folks in Northeast Georgia were touched by Kimberly's musical abilities, as well as her commitment to her community, long before her rise to stardom.

During high school, Kimberly contributed her time as a candy striper at the Habersham County Medical Center. She was a member of Youth Against Cancer, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Student Advisory Board for Community Bank and Trust, the Key Club, the Y Club, and the Student Council. Kimberly also served as vice president of her senior class.

Kimberly was also actively developing her musical skills during this time. She was a member of the Habersham Central High School Chorus. She was also part of the Habersham Central Concert Choir. She was selected to sing in the Georgia Allstate Choir

for five consecutive years and was one of six sopranos selected to study vocal music in the Georgia Governor's Honors Program.

While performing in the Habersham Community Theater and other special events in the community, she was selected to represent her state and region in numerous talent competitions. Kimberly's hard work paid off with great success, as she won first place in the National Beta Club competition as well as the International Key Club Convention.

Kimberly continued pursuing music when she enrolled at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama, where she was a member of the Samford Singers and the Lake Junaluska Singers. Through these groups, she found a friend in Karen Fairchild. That relationship helped lead to the formation of Little Big Town.

In its 14 years together, Little Big Town has played before more than 4 million people. Last year, they achieved its first #1 radio hit with the song "Pontoon." The song came from the band's fifth album, *Tornado*, which was recently received platinum certification with sales of over one million copies. Little Big Town was recently honored with two CMA awards, two ACM awards, a Grammy award, and an Emmy award.

Georgians are truly proud of all Kimberly's achievements, both on and off the stage. I join many others in wishing Kimberly and her family the very best.

HONORING THE WALTER BRACKEN STEAM ACADEMY

HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 9, 2013

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to congratulate the Walter Bracken STEAM Academy in District One in Las Vegas for being named a 2013 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence and for being designated as "exemplary high achieving."

The Blue Ribbon Schools award is the highest honor that the Department of Education can bestow on an American school. The administration, faculty, staff, and students of the Walter Bracken STEAM Academy should be very proud. You have developed a strong school community where students are encouraged and enabled to pursue their interests and develop their talents, skills, and intellect.

The most important investment we can make for the future of our nation is in the next generation. Walter Bracken STEAM Academy is a prime example of what we can accomplish both individually and as a society when we make access to a quality education a priority.

HONORING DR. CLEM MELTON DOXEY

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 9, 2013

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Clem Melton Doxey for his long and distinguished career in medicine, and as the founder of Marietta Dermatology and The Skin Cancer Center.

On September 30, Dr. Doxey retired from his practice after 43 years of service to his patients and his community.

Since he began Marietta Dermatology in 1970, Doxey's passion for helping people has shown through his dedication to continue expanding his practice and personally serving between 40 and 50 patients a day. Dr. Doxey was the first dermatologist in the Marietta area, and his practice has since grown to 80 employees—including 11 partner physicians—at three locations in Marietta, Canton, and West Cobb.

A native of Louisiana, Doxey received his undergraduate degree in chemical engineering as well as a medical degree from Louisiana State University. After completing an internship at Oakknoll Naval Hospital, he graduated from Pensacola School of Medicine as a flight surgeon in 1963. He served in the First Marine Brigade in Vietnam, and then completed his dermatology residency at Tulane Hospital in 1970. Thereafter, Doxey moved to Cobb County with his family where he would serve the community with his knowledge of medicine. He also taught residents at Emory University for 22 years.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my deepest thanks to Dr. Doxey again for his lifelong devotion to the practice of medicine and dedication to the people of our Northwest Georgia community. I wish him a joyous—and well-deserved—retirement.

HONORING ROBERT GREENE AS HE RECEIVES THE BUFFALO CLUB MEDAL

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 9, 2013

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Mr. Robert Greene, as he is awarded the prestigious Buffalo Club Medal. Created in 1956, the Buffalo Club Medal is presented to individuals who represent the ideal, gracious, deeply perceptive, dedicated, self-effacing leader. An accomplished lawyer, humanitarian champion, and dedicated community servant, Bob epitomizes these qualities. Since 2001, Bob has been deeply involved in the creation of a sustainable orphanage for young girls in Haiti, among countless other pursuits, locally and otherwise.

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Bob's work in Haiti began with his first trip in November 2001, serving as a member of a medical team through the Catholic Health System of Western New York and the Sisters of Mercy.

Since his initial trip, Bob has traveled to Haiti on over twenty separate occasions, serving in various roles. Since the devastating earthquake in 2010, Bob has dedicated his efforts to planning of and fundraising for a sustainable orphanage for girls ages 4 through 9 on the outskirts of Port-au-Prince.

Upon completion, the orphanage will be a home for over 200 girls. Fifteen bungalows will host twelve to fifteen children each. The orphanage will include a multipurpose building and a primary school, which has future plans to expand to include a secondary school. Grounds will include a large vegetable garden and pond for fish, which will supply much of the food. Solar panels will power the orphanage complex.

Bob's generosity is boundless. Presently, he serves as the Director and Past President of the Notre Dame Law Association, Director and Chairman Emeritus of the Western New York Public Broadcasting Association, Director of the Global Health Ministry, and a trustee of the WNED Foundation and the Foundation of the Zoological Society of Buffalo. In the past, Bob has served as the Chairman of Canisius College, a trustee of the Albright Knox Art Gallery, Director of the Sisters of Charity Hospital, Director and Chairman of the Zoological Society of Buffalo, Chairman of Shea's Buffalo Center for the Performing Arts, the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, and Bishop's Council of the Laity.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me a few moments to honor Bob Greene as he receives the Buffalo Club Medal. His personal contribution of time and effort towards the progress and enhancement of our community and those abroad is admirable, and I am grateful for his commitment to such noble causes. I wish him much continued success in all his future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 9, 2013

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, on October 8, 2013, I was absent from the House and missed rollcall votes 529 and 530.

Had I been present for rollcall vote 529, on the motion to table the appeal of the ruling of the chair regarding H.J. Res. 84, making continuing appropriations for Head Start for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes, I would have voted "No."

Had I been present for rollcall vote 530, on passage of H.J. Res. 84, making continuing appropriations for Head Start and for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes, I would have voted "No."

HONORING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LA VISTA LIONS CLUB OF ATLANTA

HON. TOM PRICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 9, 2013

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to honor the La Vista Lions Club of Atlanta for sixty years of outstanding service in the Atlanta community. Since 1953, the La Vista Lions Club has supported numerous organizations in Georgia that provide essential services to individuals with vision and hearing impairments.

In its most recent history, the La Vista Lions Club has dedicated its time and resources in support of the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, which provides hearing tests, hearing aids, vision tests, eye glasses, and eye surgeries for Georgia residents in need. Plus, the La Vista Lions Club sponsors activities for children with vision and hearing impairments including the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind and the Mike Glenn Hearing Impaired Basketball Camp.

Over the past sixty years, the La Vista Lions Club has been a vital asset to our community by providing these services to fellow Georgians. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the La Vista Lions Club of Atlanta on sixty years of outstanding work in the Sixth District of Georgia.

CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS

SPEECH OF

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 7, 2013

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, I would also like to thank my colleagues, Mr. HORSFORD and Mr. JEFFRIES, for leading the CBC's important discussion on Republicans' refusal to bring a clean continuing resolution to the floor and the resulting government shutdown.

The Republican course is a partisan path to nowhere, and it simply leaves our workers with fewer jobs, our families with less security, and our country with less certainty and stability.

The government shut down has left hundreds of thousands of Federal employees immediately and indefinitely furloughed.

Recruiting and hiring for Veteran jobs have ceased. Federal assistance to school districts, colleges and universities, and vocational rehabilitation agencies have been severely curtailed.

Important government research into life-threatening diseases, environmental protection, and other areas has halted.

This has all occurred because some Republicans do not like a law already enacted, that a majority of Americans support. A law that already has helped millions of American families, individuals, and businesses.

Reforming our nation's health care system is a historic opportunity to make health care more affordable and bring the kind of change we were all elected to achieve for the American people.

It's called the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and it secures affordable, high quality and ac-

cessible health care. It is about establishing healthcare as a right, not a privilege, for every American.

It is about wellness and prevention, economic security and entrepreneurship, and strengthening the middle class. This historic law is about creating a healthier America.

October 1st marked the first day the public could enroll in the Health Insurance Marketplace created by the ACA.

For many African-Americans, this date marked the beginning of fewer health inequities, increased access to quality care, more affordable health coverage, and greater investments in prevention.

African-Americans and other underserved populations often have higher rates of disease, fewer treatment options, and reduced access to healthcare.

The ACA addresses these overwhelming health inequities through several initiatives including data collection, prevention, workforce development, and quality improvement strategies.

Thanks to the ACA, 7.3 million African-Americans with private health insurance can now receive preventive services, like wellness visits, and diabetes and cancer screenings, at no extra cost, 4.5 million African-Americans who have Medicare coverage can now receive preventive services, like flu shots and blood pressure and cholesterol screenings, at no extra cost, 6.8 million uninsured African-Americans may be eligible for coverage through the new Health Insurance Marketplace.

The new Health Insurance Marketplace is healthcare, made simple. It builds on the last three years, during which many Americans have already seen lower costs and better coverage.

Because of the ACA, 105 million Americans have already received access to free preventive services, 6.6 million Seniors have saved more than \$7 billion on their prescription drugs.

More than 100 million Americans no longer have a lifetime limit on their insurance coverage.

Mr. Speaker, we are talking about saving lives. In Ohio, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, there will be lower than expected premiums in the new Health Insurance Marketplace.

Ohio consumers will be able to choose from an average of 46 health plans in the Marketplace.

For every 10 individuals who are uninsured in Ohio, 6 will be able to find coverage for \$100 or less per month, taking into account premium tax credits and Medicaid coverage. As a lifelong healthcare advocate, as a stroke survivor, and as an African-American woman, I know the importance of protecting access to affordable healthcare coverage for all Americans, particularly those who are the most in need.

The new Marketplaces across the country will mean brand-new health and economic security for millions of Americans. It means a healthier, more prosperous nation.

I look forward to helping educate the American people about the benefits of the ACA and continuing to move forward with its implementation. But, with all of the benefits the ACA brings to our country, there are some who still refuse to see how the law helps the American people.

The ACA is the law of the land, which has been upheld by the Supreme Court and which

is currently being implemented to the benefit of millions of Americans.

I urge Speaker BOEHNER and the other House Republican leaders to follow the will of the American people—end their politically-manufactured government shutdown, and pass the clean Senate CR, so that the government can get back to helping the American people.

I thank you for the opportunity to speak on this important issue.

**HONORING THE WEST HAVEN FIRE
DEPARTMENT AS THEY CELE-
BRATE THEIR 125TH ANNIVER-
SARY**

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 9, 2013

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to extend my sincere congratulations to the members of the West Haven Fire Department, past and present, as they celebrate their 125th anniversary. This is a milestone for this wonderful organization and I am proud to have this opportunity to honor their outstanding work on behalf of the West Haven community.

The men and women who serve as firefighters face risks that few of us can comprehend. Each day, they must be ready to perform under intense pressure—literally in life or death situations as we have all witnessed in recent days. Few things are more important than feeling safe in our homes and workplaces. Our firefighters provide us with that peace of mind. Their commitment and dedication cannot be questioned and our thanks can never repay those who put their lives on the line to ensure our safety. A combination of career and volunteer firefighters, the members of the West Haven Fire Department have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to our community.

On November 6, 1888, a fire broke out at the Hinman Hotel on the Corner of Washington Avenue and Beach Street. Not having a fire department of their own, the City of West Haven sent word to New Haven and asking for assistance. Unfortunately, by the time the New Haven Fire Department was able to respond, the Hinman Hotel had burned to the ground. This prompted the people of West Haven to form their own fire department and on November 18, 1888, Engine & Hose Company #1 was founded.

It was not until 1892 that two more companies were formed. In January of that year, the James Graham Hook & Ladder and the West Haven Hook & Ladder both came to be. In 1895 North End Hose #3 and Seaside Hose #4 (later to become Savin Rock Hose #4) both entered the department. Although the James Grahams would disband in 1902, Engine #1, Hook & Ladder, Engine #3 and Engine #4 all remain active companies to this day. During World War II, a group of firefighters would be formed and funded by the Federal Government for civil defense. At the end of the war these men founded Steven Heights Engine Company #5, bringing the total number of the volunteer companies back up to five.

In 1919, shortly after the passing of House Bill 177, West Haven's first official Board of

Commissioners was seated and they continue to serve in the same capacity to this day. On January 24, 1933, the Commissioners appointed the first six permanent paid firemen, establishing the career department. Lloyd Cameron was appointed Chief of Department by the new board in 1919. In 1936 the board made Chief Cameron the first Permanent Paid Chief of the department. Over its 125 year history, the career department would expand from six men to its current compliment of 54. All in all 167 men have been hired by the career department including those who are currently employed.

In 1988, in conjunction with the 100th anniversary of the department, the Department began their Explorer Post program. Young boys and girls of high school age are able to join the Explorers, learn about firefighting and train alongside the members of the Department. Most go on to join the volunteer companies and a few have even become career firefighters.

Today, as they reflect on their history and look towards their future, I am honored to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to every member of the West Haven Fire Department, career or volunteer, past and present, for their outstanding service to our community. Happy 125th anniversary.

**HONORING THE 25TH ANNIVER-
SARY OF THE TWIN CITIES
LOCAL INITIATIVES SUPPORT
CORPORATION**

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 9, 2013

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Twin Cities Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) and the celebration of its 25th anniversary. On behalf of the Fourth Congressional District of Minnesota, and the thousands of families, individuals, businesses, and residents that Twin Cities LISC has supported throughout the years, I am proud to offer congratulations on this milestone.

During the past 25 years, Twin Cities LISC has served as an integral partner in creating safe, livable and sustainable communities. Their dedication to solving society's most pressing issues with collaborative, community-driven solutions has gone a long way toward increasing the health and wellness of thousands of Minnesota families.

As one of 30 urban and regional branches of the Local Initiatives Support Corporation, Twin Cities LISC has established a reputation as a national leader in rebuilding blighted neighborhoods and improving quality of life. Focusing early attention on improving the quality of low-income housing in Saint Paul, their vision and strategy has expanded to include health and wellness, improving education, increasing family net worth and creating better paying jobs. To date, Twin Cities LISC has invested more than \$350 million in grants and leveraged an additional \$1 billion in total development into building sustainable communities.

Twin Cities LISC has been a vital partner in developing the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit, Minnesota's largest to-date infrastruc-

ture project. By focusing on transit-oriented development, Twin Cities LISC has ensured that the project successfully connects neighborhoods. To address disruptions caused by construction, Twin Cities LISC provided support services to help with job and housing retention. Their efforts to promote diversity and jobs have helped to expand the opportunity created by this major infrastructure project.

Mr. Speaker, in honor of Twin Cities LISC and their record of accomplishment in promoting thriving, sustainable communities, I am pleased to submit this statement in recognition of the organization's 25th anniversary.

**HONORING THE UNIVERSITY OF
MAINE AT FARMINGTON ON ITS
SESQUICENTENNIAL**

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 9, 2013

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the University of Maine at Farmington as it begins celebrating its sesquicentennial this academic year.

More than 150 years ago, teachers from Franklin County petitioned the Maine State Legislature to establish a State Normal School. In March 1863, after heated debate, the Legislature passed the Normal School Act. That fall, Farmington was chosen as the site for the Western State Normal School, the first public institution of higher learning in the State of Maine. Originally a teachers' college with an emphasis on liberal arts, the Western State Normal School first opened its doors on August 24, 1864 to 31 students who convened in the attic of a building in downtown Farmington. Over 100 years and several name changes later, the school merged into the University of Maine System in 1968 and became formally known as the University of Maine at Farmington, or UMF, in 1971.

UMF currently enrolls over 2,000 students from across the country and the world. It continues to be a national leader in producing exceptional teaching professionals that have a direct impact on the state of Maine. Approximately seventeen percent of Maine's educators earned their degree from the University of Maine at Farmington, including four of the last six Maine "Teacher of the Year" recipients. In addition to maintaining its commitment to training quality educators, UMF has made efforts to strengthen other academic areas, such as the arts and sciences, health, and rehabilitation.

Today, October 9th, also known as Charter Day, marks 150 years to the day since the Maine Legislature signed the school's charter and is the highlight of the Sesquicentennial celebration. The day's events feature a ceremony honoring notable dignitaries, an array of cultural events, a ribbon cutting ceremony for the restoration of Abbot Park, and an evening of visual and performing art. The anniversary will continue to be observed throughout the academic year focusing on the six key academic disciplines of education, psychology, English, biology, mathematics and history. I am proud to have the opportunity to share the impressive accomplishments of the University of Maine at Farmington and look forward to watching the University continue its growth during the years to come.

Mr. Speaker, please join me again in congratulating the students, alumni, faculty, staff, and friends of the University of Maine at Farmington as they celebrate their sesquicentennial.

CELEBRATING TAIWAN'S
NATIONAL DAY

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 9, 2013

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 102nd National Day of the Republic of China (Taiwan). Also known as "Double Ten Day," this important anniversary marks a special occasion for the good people of Taiwan.

Taiwan is a modern-day success story that exemplifies the prosperity and opportunity that comes from a strong commitment to the rule of law, democracy, and human rights. I know that the people of Taiwan are rightfully proud of these achievements, and I will stand with them to preserve the free and open society that exists there. Indeed, Taiwan has come a long way in a short time. This is why it is more important than ever to strengthen the United States' relationship with Taiwan.

The U.S.-Taiwan relationship is the cornerstone of American foreign policy in the Asia-Pacific region. Earlier this year, I led the successful bipartisan effort to end over four decades of isolation for Taiwan at the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), because safety in international air travel should not be held hostage to geopolitics. I commend the President for signing this important legislation into law, and I am even more excited that as a direct result of our efforts in Congress, Taiwan has finally been invited to participate in ICAO this year. It is the first time since 1971 that this has happened.

Mr. Speaker, the U.S. enjoys a very positive and productive economic relationship with Taiwan. It comes as no surprise that Taiwan is America's 11th largest trading partner. In fact, in my home State of California, the two-way trade with Taiwan is even more significant, particularly with so many Taiwanese visitors travelling to the U.S. under the Visa Waiver Program. Given the importance of our trading relationship, I urge the Administration to quickly finish the ongoing U.S.-Taiwan Trade and Investment Framework Agreement negotiations and move on to a broader, more comprehensive Bilateral Investment Agreement with Taiwan.

As we join with the people of Taiwan in celebration of Double Ten Day, it is important to remember that the bond between the U.S. and Taiwan remains vibrant and strong. As a longtime friend of Taiwan, I know that Taiwan's national day is a very special occasion for Taiwanese people living all over the world. So, as we mark the 102nd National Day of Taiwan, let us salute the strong friendship between the U.S. and Taiwan, and let us recognize the shared strengths that make this relationship one of the most important.

HONORING THE BRANFORD
ITALIAN-AMERICAN CLUB ON
THE OCCASION OF THEIR 75TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 9, 2013

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join the Branford community in extending my heartfelt congratulations to the Branford Italian-American Club as they gather in celebration of their 75th Anniversary. This is a remarkable milestone for this community treasure!

Today, as the Club members and their families gather to commemorate their 75th Anniversary, they also celebrate the many invaluable contributions the Club has made to our community. People across the country struggle to create a sense of community, a sense of belonging. Growing up in an Italian-American neighborhood, I know the feeling of heritage and kinship that organizations like the Branford Italian-American Club provide. Like so many others, the Club has played an important role in forging strong bonds of friendship throughout the community.

The Branford Italian-American Club's strength lies in the participation and commitment of its members. Over the seventy-five years, the Club's membership has worked hard to preserve and protect the rich history of our ancestors. Whether it through the Bocce League, Dart Club, the Club Cruise, or their participation in such local events as the Branford Festival, the activities offered through the Club allow families to connect with each other—celebrating our shared history and traditions. That sense of heritage and culture is the special gift that the Club gives to their members, our community, and future generations.

Our communities would not be the same without the efforts of volunteers like you whose energy, compassion, and concern touches people's lives every day. Throughout its history, a commitment to community service has been at the center of the Branford Italian-American Club's mission. Its members have volunteered for countless community efforts, volunteering as mentors for children in the local school system, and adopting families in need during the holiday season.

Today, as they gather to celebrate the past 75 years, the members of the Branford Italian-American Club can be proud of the many ways in which they have helped to shape our community. I am proud to have this opportunity to extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to the Club's leadership and its members for all of their outstanding efforts to improve the quality of life for others and to make our community a better place. I am also honored to stand today to congratulate them on this very special anniversary and wish them a the best for many more years of success.

CONGRATULATING COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR WILLIAM T. BISSETTE, JR. FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE IN THE U.S. ARMY AND AS GARRISON COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR AT FORT MCCOY, WISCONSIN

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 9, 2013

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished service of Command Sergeant Major William T. Bissonette, whose tenure as Garrison Command Sergeant Major at Fort McCoy, Wisconsin, concludes October 10, 2013. CSM Bissonette's official retirement from the U.S. Army Reserves is January 31, 2014.

CSM Bissonette's 32 years of dedicated service in the U.S. Army is noteworthy in every respect. CSM Bissonette assumed his duties at Fort McCoy on June 26, 2009. Immediately prior to this assignment he served as the command sergeant major of the 378th Military Intelligence Battalion (Battlefield Surveillance Brigade).

CSM Bissonette, a native of Massena, N.Y., entered active duty March 16, 1982 and attended one-station unit training at Fort Benning, Ga., where he became an infantry anti-armor specialist. His overseas assignments include the Republic of Korea, the U.S. Territory of Guam and the Republic of Iraq. His stateside assignments include tours at Fort Campbell, Ky.; Fort Rucker, Ala.; Fort Bliss, Texas; the Pentagon; Fort McPherson, Ga.; and Fort Sheridan, Ill.

CSM Bissonette has served in a variety of duty positions to include anti-armor specialist, machine gunner, weapons team leader, drill sergeant, recruiter, training and evaluation noncommissioned officer (NCO), unit training NCO, advanced NCO Course instructor, first sergeant, operations NCO, operations sergeant major, G7 sergeant major.

He has attended various military schools including the Air Assault School, Drill Sergeant School, Recruiting School, Master Fitness Trainer Course, Battle Focused Instructor Trainer Course, Emergency Preparedness Course, Force Integration Course, First Sergeant Course, Sergeants Major Course, Command Sergeants Major Course, and Garrison Command Sergeants Major Course. He holds an associate degree from Central Texas College.

CSM Bissonette has committed his life to serving our country and has received many deserving awards and decorations, including the Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, Expert Infantry Badge, Air Assault Badge, Joint Staff Identification Badge, Army Staff Identification Badge, Drill Sergeant Identification Badge, Basic Recruiter Badge with two Gold Stars, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, and the Army Superior Unit Award, as well as various campaign and service medals.

It has been an honor for me to serve as U.S. Representative for Wisconsin's Third Congressional District during CSM Bissonette's tenure at Fort McCoy. During his

service at Fort McCoy, CSM Bissonette helped transform this vital national training center into one of the Army's best and most effective of the seven active Army Power Projection Platforms. I know his leadership will be greatly missed at the base and surrounding communities, but I am thankful for his leadership and contributions to ensuring that Fort McCoy remains a shining star in the nation's military training infrastructure.

On behalf of my constituents in Wisconsin and a grateful nation, I would like to thank and commend CSM Bissonette for his years of dedicated service in the U.S. Army and in particular as Garrison Command Sergeant Major at Fort McCoy. My best wishes to him, his wife Katherine and their children Michael and Samantha.

IN RECOGNITION OF MALALA
YOUSAFZAI

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 9, 2013

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Malala Yousafzai. On October 9, 2012—one year ago today—Malala was the target of an assassination attempt by the Taliban because she chose to speak out against their efforts to ban girls from school in her Swat Valley neighborhood of Pakistan. Since then, Malala has emerged as a leading voice for underprivileged children, especially girls, in the fight for global education equality.

Along with former British Prime Minister Gordon Brown and the “A World at School” movement, Malala will work to raise \$500 million over the next three years to provide education to the 300,000 Syrian school-aged children living in Lebanon. In addition to this and winning an International Children's Peace Prize for her overall efforts, Malala was recently honored at the opening dedication of Europe's largest public library. In a recent address given at the UN, she reiterated her mission, “They thought that the bullets would silence us, but they failed . . . and then, out of that silence, came thousands of voices.”

For many, Malala Yousafzai, is a symbol of resilience and courage in her fight for global education equality. Please join me in supporting Malala and her efforts on the anniversary of the Taliban's heinous failed assassination attempt. I proudly acknowledge and encourage her to continue her efforts for education equality.

HONORING MYERS FLOWER SHOP
AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR
CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 9, 2013

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to join the Branford community and the Myers family as they celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Myers Flower Shop—a remarkable milestone for this community institution.

Charles Myers had a unique passion for flowers. Following his studies at Yale University, he dedicated himself to the establishment of a premier flower shop, opening his first location at 936 Chapel Street in New Haven, Connecticut in 1913. In 1940 the shop moved to 28 Whitney Avenue and just seven years later, Charles, while doing what he loved best, suffered a fatal heart attack at the shop. His wife, who had been a long-time assistant at the shop, stepped in to fill the breach until 1950 when his son, Allan, returned home and took over the operation of the family business. Following Alan's passing in 1959, his wife, Sue took up the reins until the third generation of the Myers family, their son Chuck and his wife, Elsie, assumed the leadership role in 1971. Despite the many changes, the business flourished and a new branch was opened in Branford and then another in Guilford. Though the New Haven and Guilford shops have since closed, the Branford shop continues to be a staple of Branford's merchant center at its location at 1008 Main Street. Today, grand-daughters Lee-Ellen and Elsie run the store with the same strong sense of hard-work and passion that was the trademark of Charles Myers.

As it was recently described by one of his grand-daughters, when Myers celebrated its grand-opening, life expectancy was about forty-seven years, few doctors went to college, most babies were born at home, and the speed limit was set at 15 mph to prevent Model T cars from spooking horses. So many things have changed over the course of its one hundred year history, but the one constant has been the company's commitment to outstanding customer service. Lee-Ellen and Elsie remain committed to ensuring that the legacy of their grandfather thrives—bringing flowers from all over the world to its customers, offering great quality and excellent service to every client, and doing whatever they can to make the lives of others just a little bit brighter.

In a recent article about the centennial celebration, Albert Canosa wrote: “Every industry has its legacies. The Kennedys are synonymous with politics. The Fords are the kings of automobiles. And here in Branford, Connecticut, the legacy of Charles Myers is associated with flowers.” Myers Flower Shop is a community treasure—a classic example of the American entrepreneurial spirit and the very essence of what we so often describe as the American Dream. I am proud to rise today to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Lee-Ellen, Elsie, and the entire Myers family as they mark this centennial celebration and wish them all the best for continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 9, 2013

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, Monday night I meant to vote against H.J. Res 77. This Resolution was just the latest bill to come to the floor as part of the Republicans' foolish strategy. Funding the federal government one program or agency at a time is a reckless approach, and one I strongly oppose.

To be clear, I support full funding for the Food and Drug Administration along with the

entire federal government. Ensuring our food, medications, and medical devices are safe is important. Halting these critical activities is already impacting our communities and the effects will only continue as long as Republicans refuse to bring a clean Continuing Resolution to the floor.

It is time to end this manufactured shutdown, get our federal workers back on the job, and fund every federal program and agency at once.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 35TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF PARATRANSIT,
INC.

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 9, 2013

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Paratransit, Inc. as they celebrate their 35th anniversary. As staff, passengers, and supporters of this vital transportation life-line gather to celebrate, I ask all my colleagues to join me in recognizing them for their invaluable service to the Sacramento region.

For the past thirty-five years, Paratransit has served countless individuals with disabilities and the elderly by offering door-to-door transportation services, allowing them the mobility to lead quality lives. Since its inception in 1978, Paratransit, a private nonprofit corporation, has been innovative in providing a public transportation system with fully accessible options, as well as working with other local nonprofit agencies, assisting them in delivering much needed client-focused transportation. In 1981, Paratransit became the first designated Consolidated Transportation Services Agencies in the State of California. In 1992 with the passing of the Americans with Disabilities Act, The Sacramento Regional Transit District (RT) and Paratransit partnered to implement the law in the most effective and efficient method to provide service to those with disabilities. That same year, the Community Transportation Association of America named Paratransit, Inc. as Transit System of the Year.

Paratransit's diverse services include a mobility training program that provides assistance to people to learn how to ride RT's buses and light rail cars, giving them independence to work, visit senior centers, go shopping or to doctor appointments, and visit friends and relatives. In 2012, the Sacramento Area Council of Governments honored Paratransit as the Regional Organization of the Year. Their successful Wheels to Work employment program, partners with Women's Empowerment, The Sacramento County Department of Human Services, The Sacramento Housing Alliance, Sacramento Steps Forward, and The California Department of Rehabilitation to help people get employment by providing low-income individuals with job counseling, interview preparation and other services. Also in 2012, Paratransit received the Innovative Transportation Program from the Women's Transportation Seminar for their forward thinking efforts.

Paratransit's maintenance division services its fleet of 150 vehicles, as well as the fleets of 20 other agencies, to ensure safe and reliable public transportation options. It also repairs accessibility equipment, such as lifts and

ramps, and adapts vehicles for disabled drivers. As the 2002 United States EPA Energy Star Small Business award winner, Paratransit is committed to clean energy and a sustainable environment. Its Sacramento facility contains a storm water retention system. They have an expansive recycling program for all waste coolant, motor oil, transmission fluid, batteries, metals and tires. Committed to improving air quality, Paratransit joined with Hybrid Technologies in 2007 to produce the world's first full lithium-powered PT Cruisers.

Mr. Speaker, I hereby recognize and commend Paratransit for their outstanding commitment and service to our community. I ask all my colleagues to join me in wishing this fine organization continued success and support as they work to provide seamless transportation options and other important services for everyone in the Sacramento Region.

DEATH BENEFITS BILL H.J. RES. 91

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 9, 2013

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, we lost five warriors on the battlefield of Afghanistan recently. They were 25-year-old 1st Lt. Jennifer M. Moreno; 24-year-old Pfc. Cody J. Patterson; 24-year-old Special Agent Joseph M. Peters; 25-year-old Sgt. Patrick C. Hawkins; and 19-year-old Lance Cpl. Jeremiah M. Collins, Jr.

Unfortunately, their families were given the news not only that they had lost their loved ones, but they were also told that they would not be given the \$100,000 in death benefits that they were entitled to receive within three days of the death of their loved ones.

The \$100,000 payment is being withheld from the families—two of them Army Rangers—and one Marine and the bodies of the five warriors will be returned to Dover Air Force Base today. Congress needs to act NOW to rectify this absurd and disgraceful situation.

This money helps the families by giving them an immediate source of cash to help get through the tough times surrounding the funeral of their loved ones.

The Pentagon says it has specific instructions from its budget office not to make payments for deaths that occurred after 11:59 p.m. on Sept. 30, 2013—the date of the start of the government shutdown.

Congress passed a bill last week which should have made it clear that the Pentagon had the authority to make these kinds of payments, however this Administration continues to play politics with this shutdown and has apparently directed DOD not to make these payments.

In order to make it ABUNDANTLY clear that DOD has the authority to make these payments, I thank the Speaker for quickly bringing this bill up to the floor.

It is my hope that the Senate quickly passes this bill, and the President signs it. There is no excuse that any other American hero's family is told that they will not get the death benefit they deserve.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING THE NEW HAVEN MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 9, 2013

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join the many who have gathered to celebrate the centennial anniversary of the New Haven Manufacturers Association—a remarkable milestone for this outstanding organization. Their leadership, vision, and advocacy have not only served to promote and expand manufacturing opportunities in New Haven County, but have become integral to how our communities and policy makers address manufacturing needs across Connecticut.

As one of the oldest states in our great nation, Connecticut has a long and rich history. At the heart of our state's economic history is a strong manufacturing foundation. Connecticut is incredibly proud of that heritage and can boast of many firsts in manufacturing: the first cotton gin, patented by Eli Whitney; the first factory town in America, planned and established in Seymour; the first movable parts mass production in use, making clocks; the first industrial training school, established by John Holbrook in Derby; as well as the production of the first revolver, portable typewriter, sewing machine, vacuum cleaner, Poloroid camera, color television, and helicopter. Our state's manufacturing industry has and continues to be an important part of our economic success.

For one hundred years the NHMA has been a strong voice on behalf of New Haven County manufacturers—ensuring that public officials and communities understand the importance of the industry to our economy, that manufacturing employees have access to ongoing training and development resources, and that those schools and programs responsible for training the next generation of these skilled workers are able to do so with the most up-to-date technology and machinery. Over the course of my tenure in Congress I have had many opportunities to work with the NHMA as well as to visit many of their member companies to see first-hand the innovative work they are undertaking. We worked together to bring funding to Platt Regional Vocational Technical High School which financed new machinery for the school's manufacturing program and I have been proud to support their idea of the creation of manufacturing re-investment accounts which are aimed at reducing the financial burdens our smaller manufacturers face as they seek to expand their businesses.

Their dedication and good work has helped to preserve our state's rich manufacturing history, provide a forum for the exchange of ideas, issues and best practices among their members, and advocate for public policies that enhance manufacturing as a whole. Today, as they celebrate their centennial anniversary, I am proud to rise and join the many community and business leaders who have gathered in extending my heartfelt congratulations and very best wishes to the New Haven Manufacturers Association. Happy 100th Anniversary.

MOURNING THE PASSING OF FORMER MINNESOTA SENATOR ROD GRAM

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 9, 2013

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my condolences to the family and friends of former U.S. Senator Rod Grams who represented Minnesota from 1995 to 2001. He had previously been elected to the U.S. House in 1992 where he served one term. Senator Grams passed away last night at home in Crown, MN. He was 65 years old.

Senator Grams was a Republican who fought hard for the issues he believed in and worked to find common ground on issues that concerned Minnesotans. Before entering politics Sen. Grams was a well known television newscaster in the Twin Cities. I remember watching him frequently.

While serving in the U.S. House and Senate I did not have contact with Sen. Grams, but following his time in elected office I had many interactions with him as he represented various private clients. I always found Rod Grams to be a kind and engaging man who cared deeply about Minnesota.

The public service provided by Senator Rod Grams is to be honored and respected. He was a conservative who cared about Minnesota and its people. Again, Mr. Speaker, I extend my condolences to his family, friends, and supporters.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 9, 2013

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048, 913.08.

Today, it is \$16,747,419,536,935.48. We've added \$6,120,542,488,022.40 to our debt in 4 years. This is \$6.1 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

RECOGNIZING TAIWAN NATIONAL DAY

HON. KEVIN YODER

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 9, 2013

Mr. YODER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the National Day of the Republic of China. October 10 marks the beginning of the Wuchang Uprising which led to the creation of the Republic of China in 1912.

The Republic of China, or Taiwan as it is more commonly known, has worked tirelessly to become a global player both politically and economically. With a thriving economy, Taiwan already plays a critical role in the global supply chain and serves as a major innovator in the technology industry. I am proud to represent Garmin Ltd. in my district which is an

exemplary company conducting business internationally based in both Kansas and Taiwan. The Taiwanese community is a strong contributor to Kansas's 3rd Congressional district.

In light of these contributions, it is my belief that Taiwan should be included in the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP).

Taiwan currently plays a major role in ensuring U.S. interests in the Pacific. For decades we have enjoyed a mutually beneficial relationship based on trust. It is my hope that we can continue and strengthen this relationship going forward. To achieve this goal, I look forward to working with the Administration to see that a bilateral investment agreement is signed between our countries.

Lastly, as long standing allies, it is time for us as a Congress to reconsider our diplomatic relationship with Taiwan by welcoming high-level officials from Taiwan to meet with their American equivalents in Cabinet level positions.

I commend Taiwan on its National Day, and look forward to a continued partnership.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF LOUIS MAGNARELLI, PH.D.

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 9, 2013

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with the heaviest of hearts that I rise today to pay tribute to a dear friend and outstanding community member, Dr. Louis Magnarelli, whose recent passing was all too soon. Internationally recognized scientist, mentor, and friend, Lou was a remarkable man whose kind heart and passion for science touched the lives of many.

Earning his B.S. in Biology at the State University New York at Oswego, an M.S. in Biology at the University of Michigan, and his Ph.D. in Medical Entomology at Cornell University, Lou began his career at the Connecticut Agriculture Experiment Station in 1975. He dedicated a lifetime to his research and his work earned him a distinguished reputation on his area of expertise, medical entomology. He began as Assistant Scientist, served as Associate Scientist, Scientist, and later Chief Scientist/State Entomologist and Vice Director. For the last nine years, Lou led the Station as its Director. His contributions to Connecticut and science were extensive and unparalleled, publishing in excess of two hundred scientific articles. His expertise was not only recognized here but internationally, particularly for his work on ticks, tick-associated diseases, serological testing for vector-borne pathogens.

His colleagues perhaps put it best when they wrote "Lou was not only our Director, he was our colleague and most of all, our friend. His door was always open, both literally and figuratively, for discussion of all matters from the scientific to the personal. His keen scientific and analytical mind was only exceeded by his desire to bring this institution's scientific knowledge and experience to the benefit of the citizens of Connecticut. He was a strong supporter of Connecticut agriculture, the state's trees and woodlands, and the green industry. Lou's wisdom and skillful stewardship as our leader will be sorely missed. Even

through his illness, his thoughts were always of the Experiment Station. All Station staff, both present and future, will take tremendous pride in honoring and continuing Dr. Magnarelli's unwavering commitment for Putting Science to Work for Society."

I would be remiss if I did not extend a personal note of thanks and appreciation to Lou for his many years of friendship and service. I often sought his guidance and expertise. Lou's joy and dedication to his work was contagious and I could always count on him for outstanding research or an update on Station's recent work. I am proud of the work that we did together and the many accomplishments that were achieved on behalf of the Station and the residents of Connecticut.

Louis Magnarelli's presence, both at the Station and in the scientific community, will be deeply missed. He worked tirelessly for the people of Connecticut, our communities and the environment. He was an extraordinary individual whose passion for science, exceptional leadership, and compassion for others will long serve as an inspiration to others—that is his lasting legacy. I join so many others in extending my deepest sympathies to his wife, Sharon, family, friends, and colleagues as they mourn his loss.

"CHANGE THE MASCOT" CAMPAIGN

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 9, 2013

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, today I was honored to participate in a symposium led by the Oneida Indian Nation in support of the "Change the Mascot" campaign. The discussion gave voice to many serious concerns with the continued use of the disparaging slur "Redskins" as the name of Washington's National Football League (NFL) team. I commend and congratulate Ray Halbritter of the Oneida Indian Nation for his leadership and the tremendous effort put forth by his community to raise national awareness of this issue. Below are my remarks from the symposium for the Congressional record:

Good morning. It is my honor to be here today to support the "Change the Mascot" campaign. The "Change the Mascot" campaign is advancing a national dialogue, which is important for Native Americans and all Americans to have.

There are more than 5 million Native Americans in the U.S. They are our neighbors and friends—children, elders, moms and dads, men and women—who care about their culture, their communities, and their country.

Native Americans are not mascots or caricatures to be exploited for profit—not by the NFL or any professional sports team owner. They should never be stereotyped in a dehumanizing, degrading, or demeaning manner.

In the year 2013, for the NFL and a team owner to be so driven by profit that this clearly racist mascot continues to be promoted and defended is truly outrageous. But it has not gone unnoticed. That is why we are here today as part of the "Change the Mascot" campaign. And change is coming.

Let me quote from the September 13, 2013 editorial by the Washington Post: "We hope,

too, that Mr. Snyder finally understands that the team's name . . . is a racial slur of Native Americans so offensive that it should no longer be tolerated." They go on to say: "Mr. Snyder should be prepared for the controversy never to end."

There is no dignity or respect in the exploitation perpetrated for profit by the NFL and Dan Snyder's football business. They are promoting a racist slur that must change. And, this campaign is going to keep advancing until that name is changed.

It is my honor to represent Native American families in my Congressional District and throughout Minnesota. In Minnesota, we have eleven Sioux and Ojibwe Nations that have a long and very proud history of contributing to the strength, diversity, and success of our State. In one month—on November 7th—my team, the Minnesota Vikings, will host Washington's football team. That night I am sure the "Change the Mascot" campaign will have a big presence in the Twin Cities. I look forward to welcoming you, Ray!

I want to recognize one colleague who is not here today, but has been the leading voice in Congress on this issue—Delegate ENI FALEOMAVEGA who represents American Samoa. He is the author of legislation that would end federal trademark protection for the term "Redskin". I am proud to be a co-sponsor, along with Delegate ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON. And this issue isn't going away.

The hired PR folks, who are now defending Mr. Snyder's football team, cite outdated polls of Native Americans and talk about history and tradition. It's all rubbish and corporate spin to keep the profits flowing.

Mr. Snyder, change the mascot. End this ugly history and tradition of your team's racist slur and pick a new mascot that offends no one—hurts no one—dehumanizes no one.

It's time to put dignity and respect for Native people ahead of your profits.

COMMEMORATING DOUBLE TEN DAY, TAIWAN'S NATIONAL DAY

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 9, 2013

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remind my colleagues that this Thursday, October 10 is Double Ten Day, Taiwan's national day. I hope they will join me in congratulating the people of Taiwan on this momentous occasion.

Our great friend in Asia, Taiwan, will be celebrating its 102nd anniversary on October 10. Also known as Double Ten Day since it falls on the 10th day of the 10th month, this is Taiwan's National Day and is revered and celebrated in the same fashion as we do the Fourth of July here in America.

Taiwan is today a multi-party democracy with a strong economy that is working to ease tensions with Mainland China, while preserving both its political existence and its vibrant national life. This Double Ten Day marks the 102nd anniversary of China's Wuchang Uprising, a significant development in the Xinhai Revolution. This occasion is especially important given Taiwan's aspirations to participate in the Trans-Pacific Partnership.

Taiwan has been a great friend and partner of the United States, and I have no doubt that

this important relationship will continue to be a source of strength to our peoples as this new century continues to unfold. I congratulate the people of Taiwan as they commemorate Double Ten Day.

HONORING XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL
ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR
50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 9, 2013

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join the many who have gathered in celebration of Xavier High School's 50th Anniversary. It is a remarkable milestone for this educational institution. "A Catholic community fostering excellence in scholarship, leadership and service," over the course of the last five decades, Xavier has helped prepare hundreds of young men from communities across Connecticut for their future success—educating the whole person: spirit, mind and body within a Christian framework.

Founded in 1963 by The Most Rev. Vincent J. Hines, second bishop of the Diocese of Norwich, as a Catholic secondary school for young men, Xavier High School is sponsored jointly by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Norwich and the Congregation of the Brothers of Saint Francis Xavier. From its earliest days, Xavier has maintained an educational philosophy which seeks "to impress upon students the dignity of the human person created by God, to guide and counsel students in educational and vocational need and to help them prepare for college, for life work, and above all, for life itself."

As the school year closed this past summer, Brother Brian Davis, Headmaster at Xavier,

took a moment to reflect on the Xavier's first fifty years in the school magazine's summer edition, commenting on how some things had changed but many had stayed the same—particularly the commitment of the school, faculty, staff, and students to service. Giving back to their communities and working to benefit those less fortunate has always been a central tenant of a Xavier education. Just this past year, students not only spent countless hours working in their hometowns, but also on service trips sponsored by the school to Guatemala and Camden, New Jersey. And the lessons they learn about service stay with Xavier graduates throughout their adult lives, with many remaining actively involved in public and community service.

Xavier has created an educational environment which fosters the spiritual, academic, and physical growth of its students and challenges them to use their talents in service—an environment perhaps best described by their motto, "Be a man. A man like Jesus." The school's motto is central to their philosophy, and is reflected throughout their curriculum and in the day to day activities of the students, faculty, and staff. I am proud to stand today to extend my sincere congratulations to them as they celebrate their 50th Anniversary and wish them all the best for many more years of success.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose

of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, October 10, 2013 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

OCTOBER 11

10 a.m.

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine the way forward from government shutdown and debt ceiling confrontation toward long-term fiscal sustainability and economic growth.

LHOB-1100

11 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the impacts of the Government shutdown on economic security.

SR-253

OCTOBER 15

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine small businesses, focusing on the government shutdown.

SR-428A

OCTOBER 23

2:15 p.m.

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine the future of long-term care policy.

SD-562